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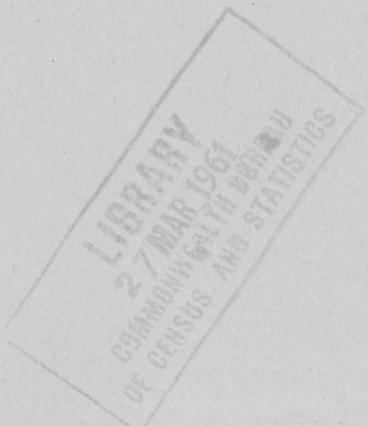
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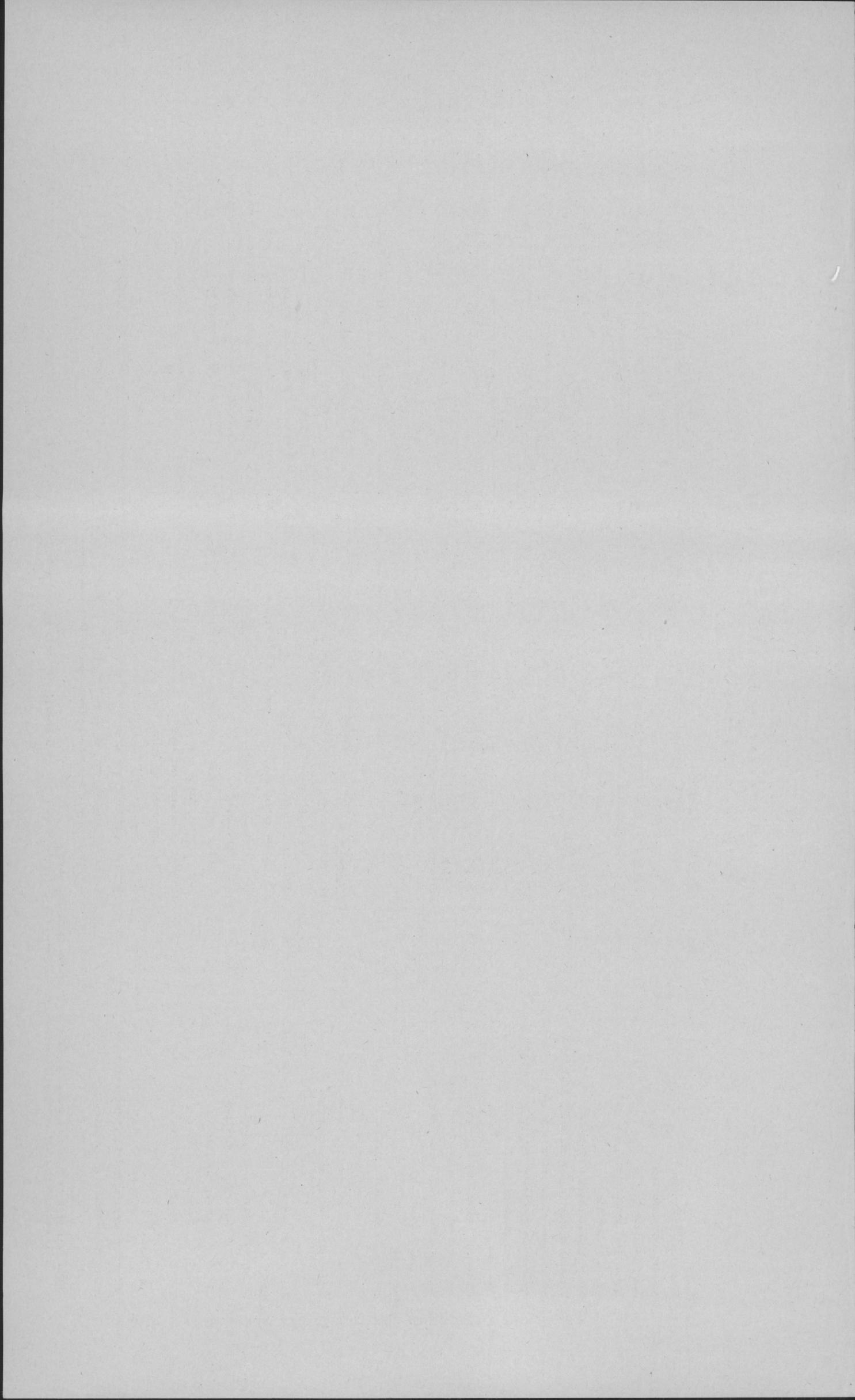
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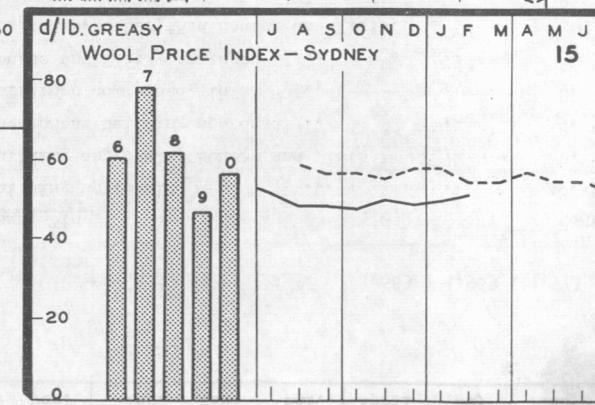
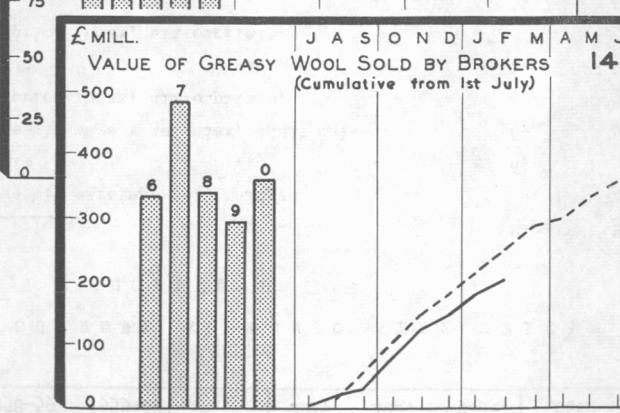
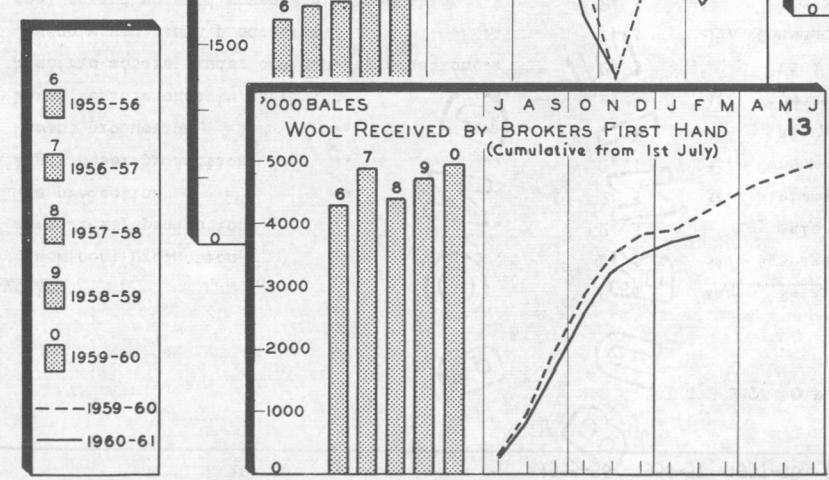
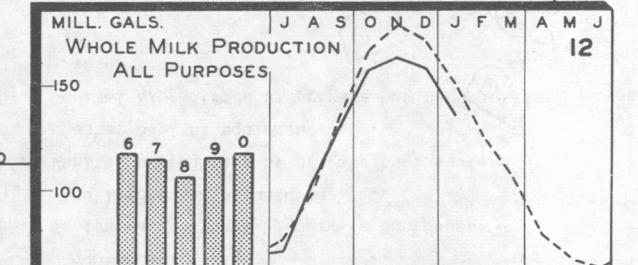
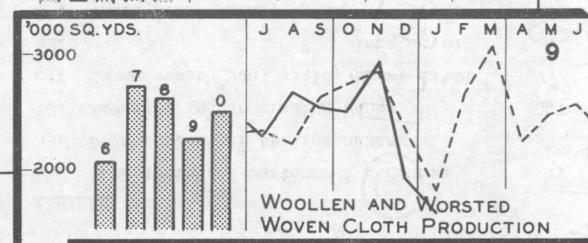
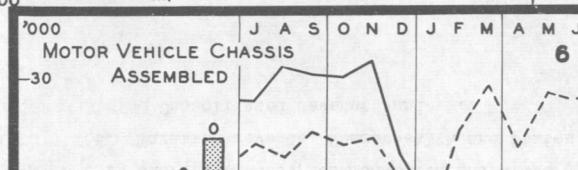
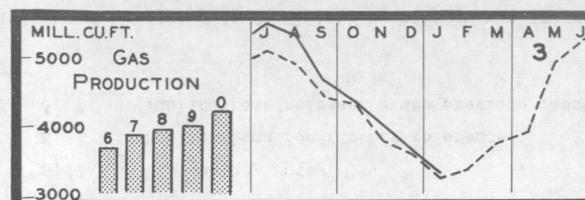
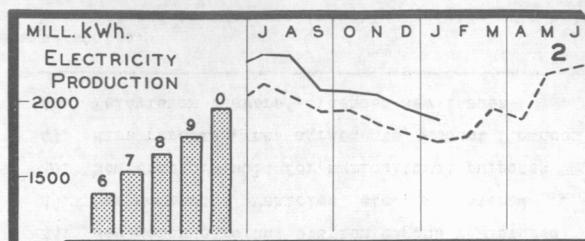
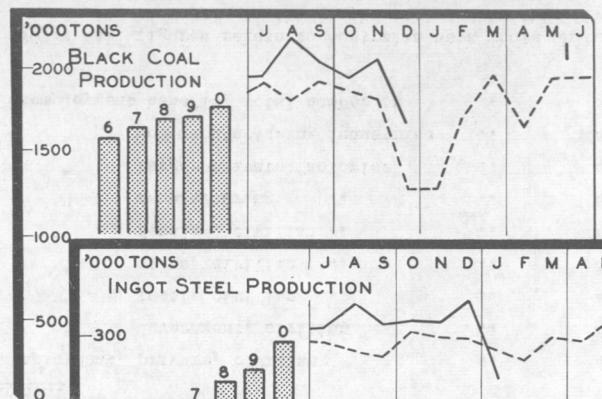
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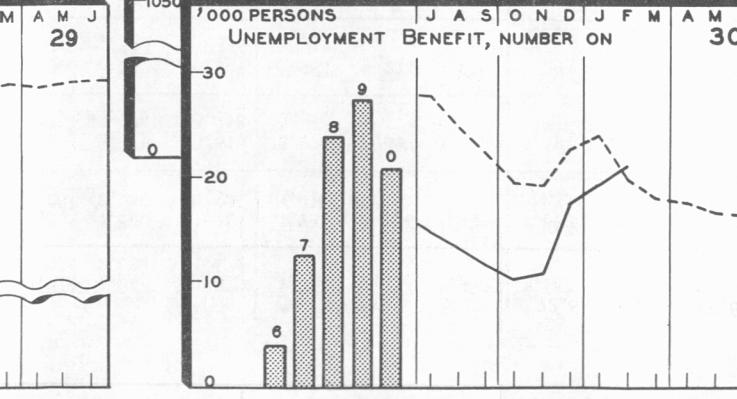
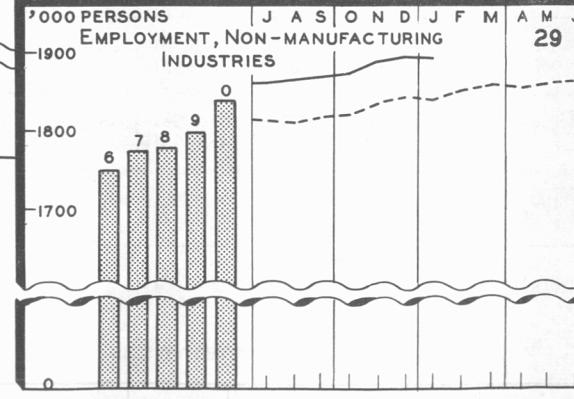
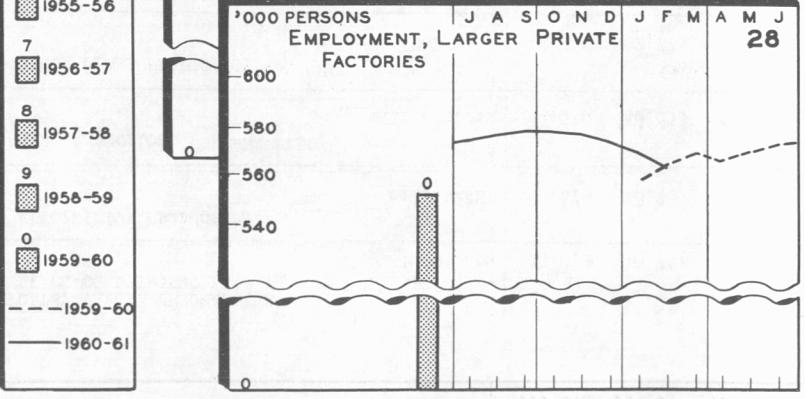
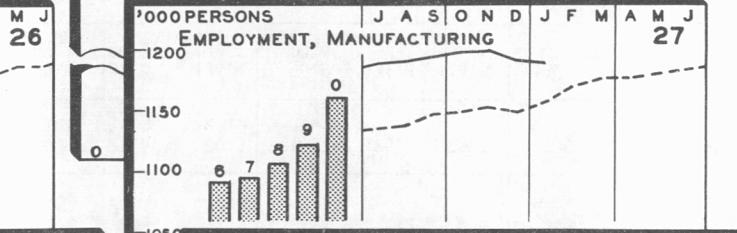
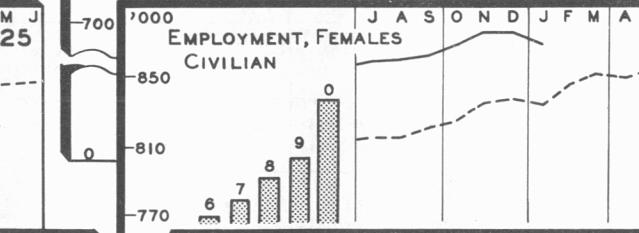
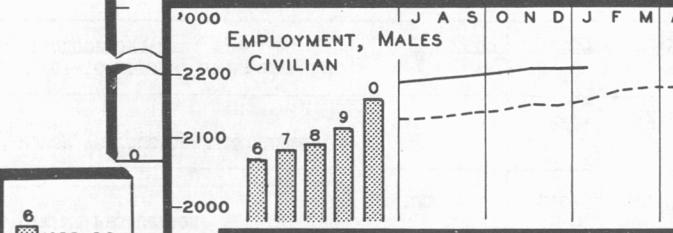
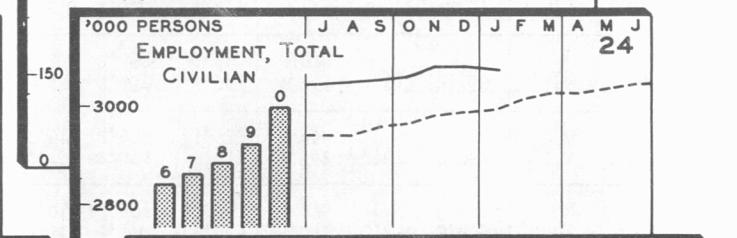
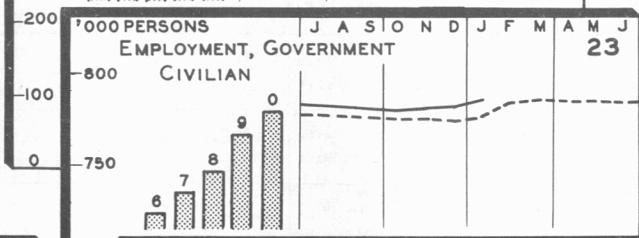
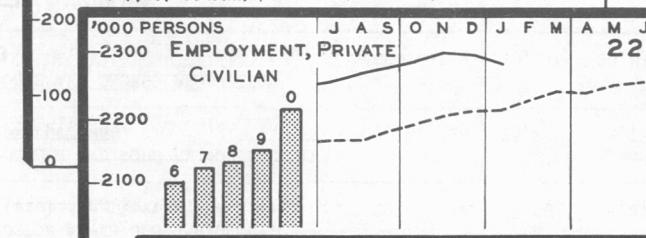
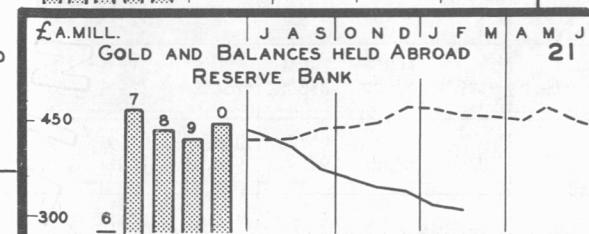
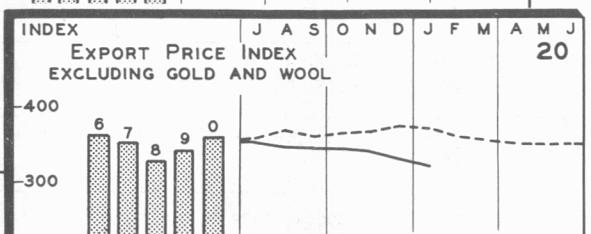
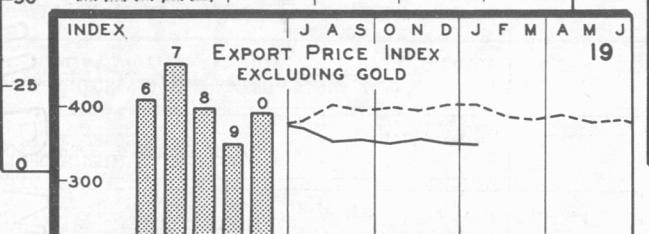
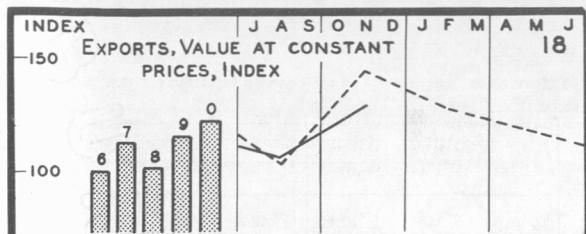
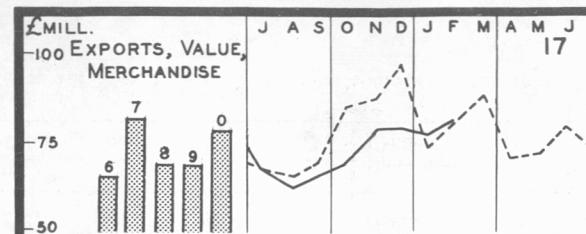
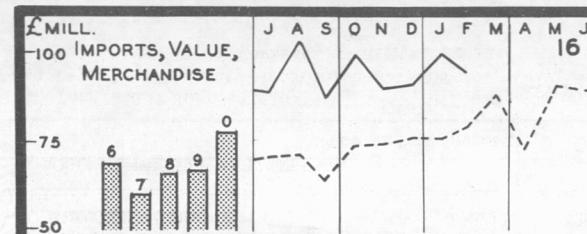
	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
PRODUCTION																		
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION '000 tons	19,033	19,711	20,362	20,459	*21,209	*1959-60 *1960-61	1,909 1,974	1,812 2,212	1,913 2,059	1,872 1,938	1,843 2,054	1,270 1,672	1,294 1,711	1,980	1,663	1,969	1,973	
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION mill. kWh.	16,675	18,289	19,796	21,109	*23,344	*1959-60 *1960-61	2,121 2,312	2,032 2,303	1,930 2,121	1,941 2,081	1,840 2,030	1,781 1,946	1,735 1,876	1,766	1,937	1,872	2,177	2,212
3. GAS PRODUCTION mill.cub.ft.	44,578	46,653	47,655	48,567	*50,618	*1959-60 *1960-61	5,108 5,463	4,918 5,322	4,433 4,658	4,344 4,354	3,776 4,075	3,615 3,718	3,274 3,326	3,387	3,730	3,891	4,930	5,212
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION '000 tons	2,320	2,774	3,038	3,204	*3,503	*1959-60 *1960-61	291 309	285 332	277 310	306 315	297 313	295 336	284 257	274	296	293	313	305
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION '000 tons	2,035	2,173	2,291	2,481	*2,635	*1959-60 *1960-61	223 243	229 245	226 253	226 253	225 247	218 218	171 193	212	228	213	230	233
6. MOTOR VEHICLE CHASSIS ASSEMBLED '000	222.1	193.9	239.1	*241.3	*292.8	*1959-60 *1960-61	23.9 28.0	22.9 31.0	25.0 30.3	24.1 30.2	24.6 31.9	20.5 23.0	16.7 18.2	25.3	29.5	23.5	28.8	28.2
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS, UNDER ONE H.P., PRODUCTION '000	1,055	898	1,066	1,248	*1,529	*1959-60 *1960-61	109.0 134.1	111.2 161.0	139.3 175.6	126.9 165.1	137.8 196.8	136.4 144.2	96.9 98.6	131.3	144.5	113.2	136.0	146.2
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Towels and Towelling) '000 sq.yds.	38,661	46,277	44,340	42,265	42,926	*1959-60 *1960-61	3,715 4,183	3,571 4,445	3,629 4,164	3,347 4,011	3,470 4,307	2,885 3,111	3,005 3,295	3,450	3,885	3,601	3,919	4,449
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION '000 sq.yds.	25,255	32,782	31,719	27,266	*30,170	*1959-60 *1960-61	2,338 2,293	2,247 2,697	2,645 2,550	2,766 2,517	2,854 2,959	2,373 1,937	1,842 1,656	2,677	3,082	2,274	2,504	2,568
10. BOOTS AND SHOES, PRODUCTION '000 pairs	19,816	20,938	21,395	24,054	*25,378	*1959-60 *1960-61	2,266 2,066	2,339 2,488	2,558 2,444	2,489 2,323	2,487 2,450	1,954 1,665	1,213 1,221	1,912	2,160	1,156	2,060	2,184
11. MEAT PRODUCTION '000 tons	1,223.1	1,270.1	1,314.5	1,500.6	*1,426.2	*1959-60 *1960-61	140.5 111.0	115.0 101.9	121.6 108.6	128.8 108.2	116.2 111.4	112.7 104.4	107.5 99.3	108.2	122.1	113.5	120.0	120.1
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES mill. gals.	1,402	1,358	1,264	1,370	*1,408	*1959-60 *1960-61	74.1 69.9	98.2 101.1	132.4 129.7	166.1 156.8	178.1 163.4	172.6 158.8	151.8 134.8	125.2	105.8	77.3	65.7	61.0
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND Cumulative from 1st July '000 bales	4,256	4,867	4,353	4,735	4,926	1959-60 1960-61	296 247	951 849	1,978 1,655	2,909 2,547	3,527 3,245	3,794 3,529	3,912 3,657	4,074 3,821	4,341	4,571	4,760	4,926
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS Cumulative from 1st July £ mill.	329.4	478.0	334.8	292.7	356.1	1959-60 1960-61	- 5.7	14.4 18.0	58.3 30.1	101.3 82.5	145.8 123.5	178.0 147.8	209.8 174.8	250.0 203.6	291.0	296.6	331.0	356.1
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY pence per lb. greasy	60.7	77.9	62.1	47.5	56.3	1959-60 1960-61	(a) 52.0	(b) 48.0	57.0 48.5	57.0 48.0	56.0 50.0	58.0 49.5	58.0 *50.0	55.0 *52.0	55.0	57.0	55.0	55.0

(a) No sales.

(b) Nominal.

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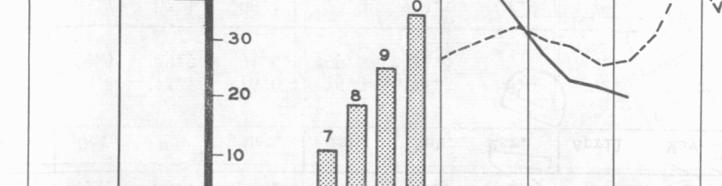
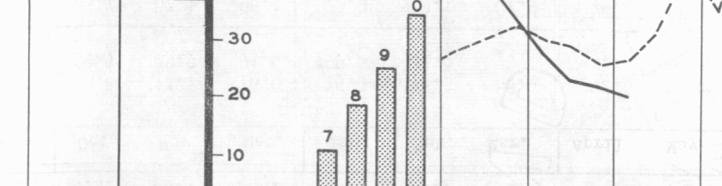
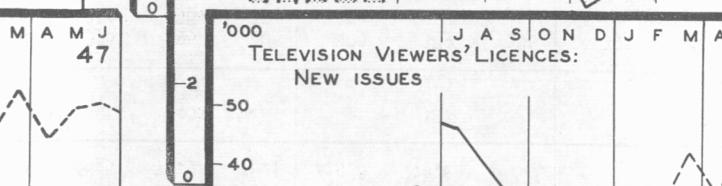
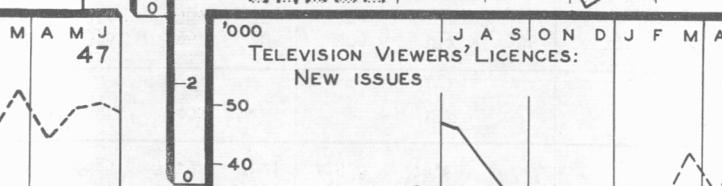
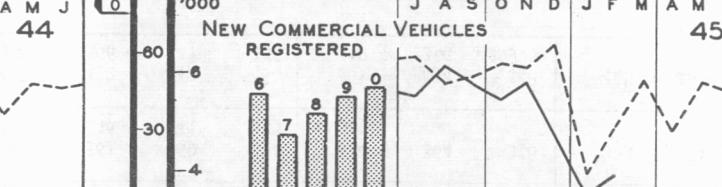
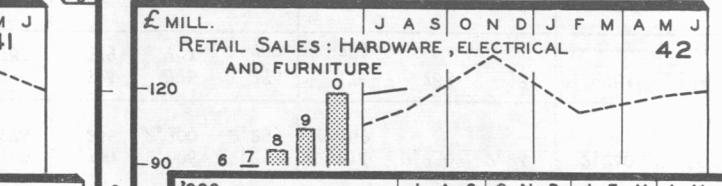
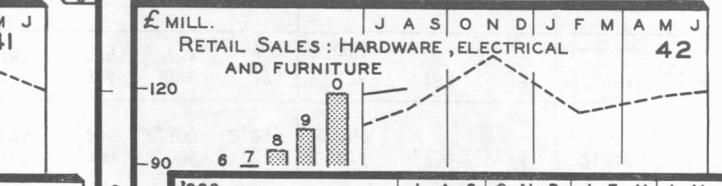
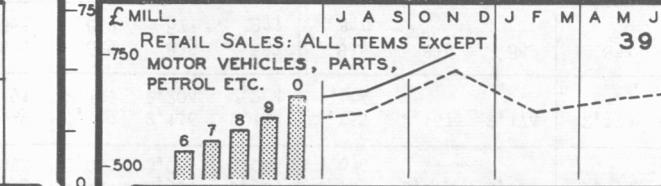
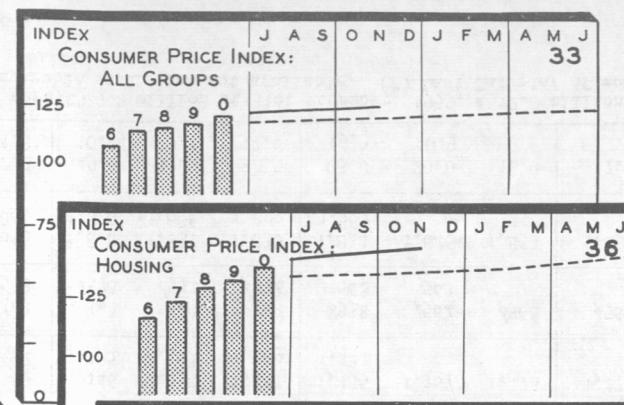
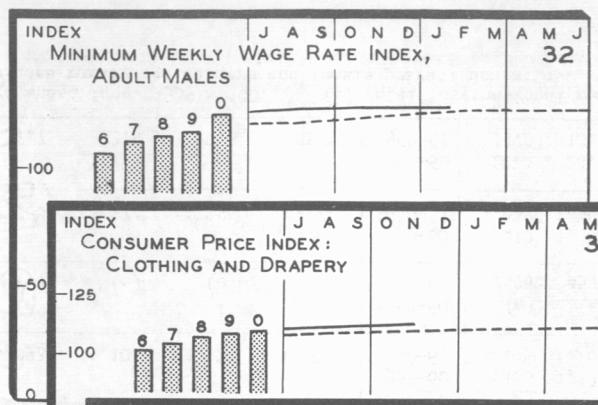
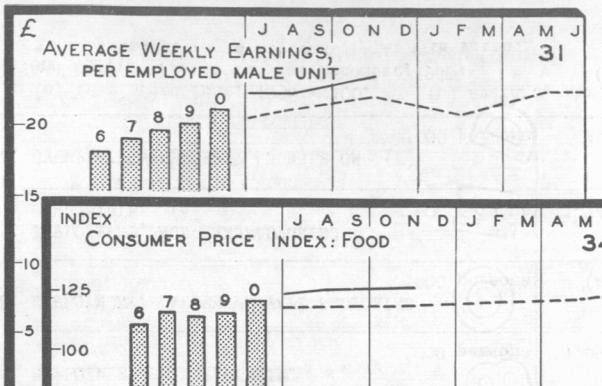


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OVERSEA TRADE																			
16. IMPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANTISE £ mill.	818.3	716.7	789.3	794.4	923.8	1959-60 *1960-61	70.5 88.9	70.8 103.4	63.8 87.9	73.8 99.5	74.1 89.9	76.0 91.6	75.3 99.6	78.3 94.8	88.0	72.6	90.8	89.8	
17. EXPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANTISE £ mill.	770.8	973.0	810.3	806.7	925.9	1959-60 *1960-61	66.5 66.5	63.9 61.2	68.8 64.8	83.7 68.5	87.1 77.9	96.1 78.1	73.0 76.8	79.1 79.6	87.9	70.2	71.4	78.2	
18. EXPORTS, VALUE AT CONSTANT PRICES, INDEX (a)	100	113	101	115	122	1959-60 *1960-61		104 104			140 130				127		117		
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD (b)	414	464	400	351	*393	1959-60 *1960-61	384 373	406 355	396 356	398 354	395 358	405 354	405 351	389	386	391	382	384	
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD AND WOOL (b)	366	353	332	341	*363	1959-60 *1960-61	362 355	369 348	363 347	367 346	369 341	374 335	374 325	364	358	353	351	*354	
21. GOLD AND BALANCES HELD ABROAD, RESERVE BANK (c)	£ mill.	274	465	432	421	444	1959-60 1960-61	420 424	416 406	428 368	432 356	442 341	460 336	461 312	454 305	448 429.5	448	466	444
EMPLOYMENT																			
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE, CIVILIAN (d) '000 persons	2,112	2,125	2,133	2,150	2,213	1959-60 1960-61	2,165 2,261	2,167 2,268	2,180 2,276	2,190 2,286	2,206 2,300	2,211 2,299	2,214 2,289	2,230	2,241	2,240	2,250	2,257	
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT, CIVILIAN '000 persons	724	736	747	767	779	1959-60 1960-61	778 783	777 781	776 780	774 779	775 781	774 782	775 787	783	785	784	784	784	
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (d) '000 persons	2,836	2,861	2,880	2,917	2,992	1959-60 1960-61	2,943 3,044	2,944 3,049	2,956 3,056	2,964 3,065	2,981 3,081	2,985 3,081	2,989 3,076	3,013	3,026	3,024	3,034	3,041	
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES, CIVILIAN (d) '000	2,067	2,082	2,089	2,113	2,155	1959-60 1960-61	2,128 2,185	2,129 2,188	2,135 2,191	2,139 2,196	2,146 2,204	2,148 2,204	2,155 2,206	2,167	2,174	2,173	2,178	2,184	
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES, CIVILIAN (d) '000	769	779	791	804	837	1959-60 1960-61	815 859	815 861	821 865	825 869	835 877	837 877	834 870	846	852	851	856	857	
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING '000 persons	1,090	1,093	1,106	1,121	1,157	1959-60 1960-61	1,133 1,185	1,136 1,187	1,143 1,192	1,146 1,195	1,150 1,195	1,147 1,189	1,155 1,187	1,167	1,173	1,173	1,178	1,182	
28. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES '000 persons	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	1959-60 1960-61	(e) 575	(e) 576	(e) 578	(e) 578	(e) 577	(e) 574	558 568	564 563	568	566	570	573	
29. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (d) '000 persons	1,746	1,768	1,774	1,796	1,835	1959-60 1960-61	1,810 1,859	1,808 1,862	1,813 1,864	1,818 1,870	1,831 1,886	1,838 1,892	1,834 1,889	1,846	1,853	1,851	1,856	1,859	
30. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (f) '000 persons	4.0	12.7	23.9	27.3	20.7	1959-60 1960-61	27.4 14.9	24.9 13.3	22.2 11.8	19.6 10.4	19.0 10.7	22.5 17.6	23.8 19.3	20.0 20.9	18.0	17.7	16.8	16.5	

(a) Year ended June, 1956 = 100. (b) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 100. (c) Total international reserves were £547.2 million at 31st December, 1959, £512.0 million at 30th June, 1960 and £376.3 million at 31st December, 1960.

(d) Excludes rural wage earners and female private domestics. (e) Comparable statistics not available. (f) Last Saturday of month.

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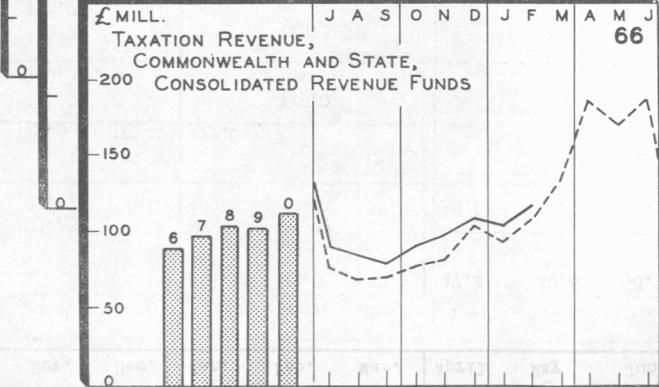
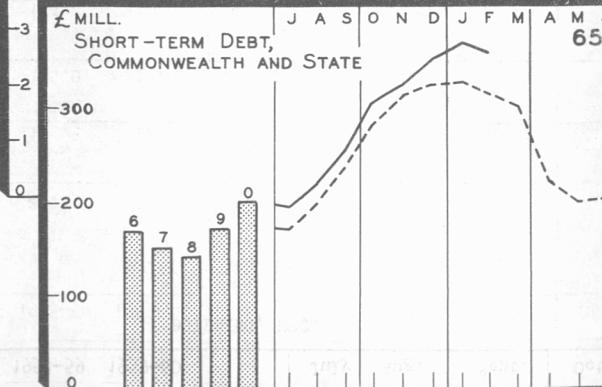
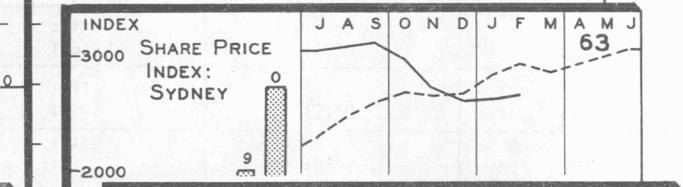
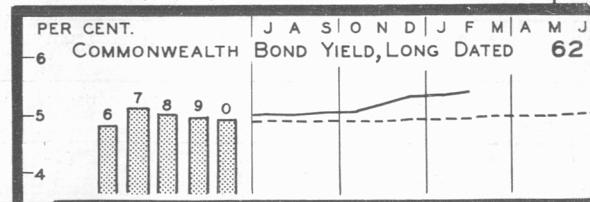
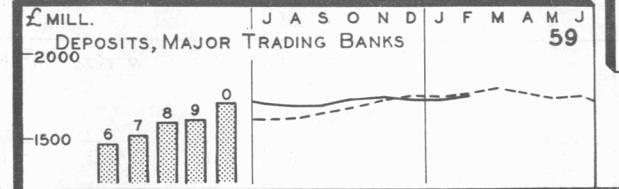
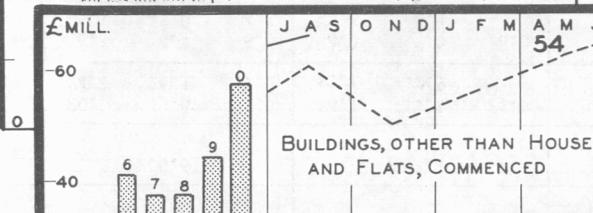
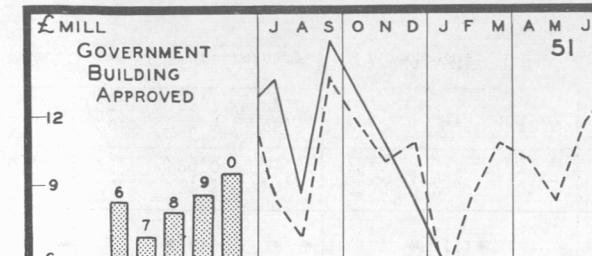
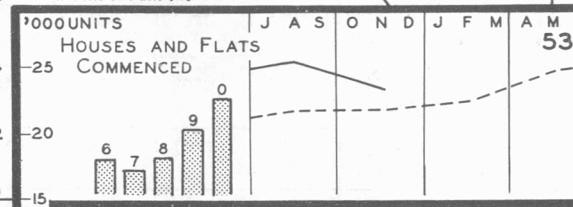
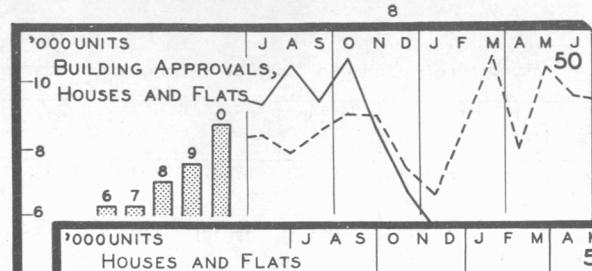
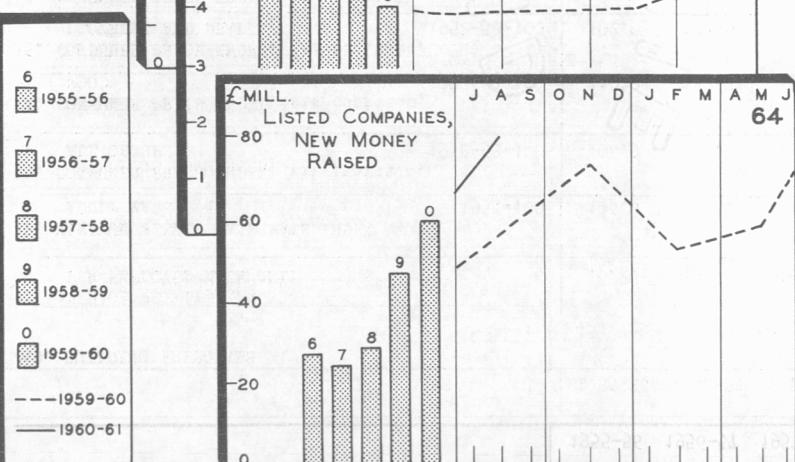
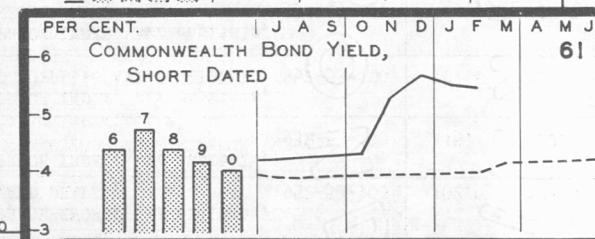
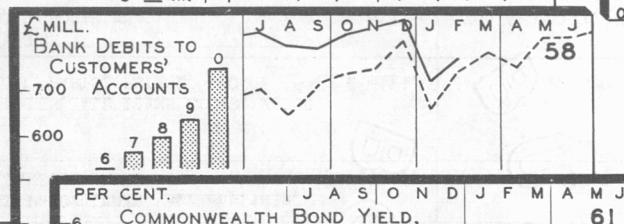
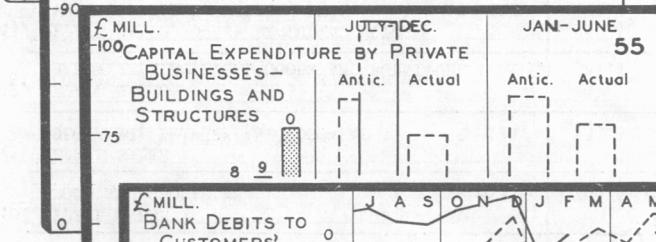
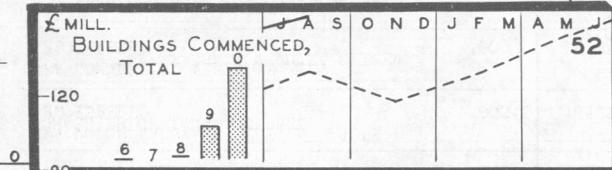
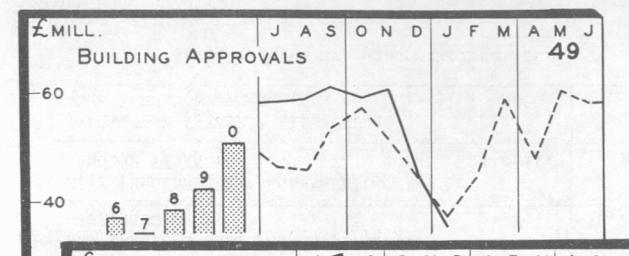
		1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																			
31. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	£	18.28	19.16	19.67	20.19	21.74	1959-60 1960-61	21.15 22.59			22.28 23.77			20.92			22.60		
32. MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE INDEX ADULT MALES (a)	1954=100	105.8	110.8	112.8	115.3	122.0	1959-60 1960-61	124.3	124.6	124.6	124.8	125.3	125.4	125.6	123.5			124.1	
33. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS	1952-53=100	106.9	113.1	114.2	116.0	118.9	1959-60 1960-61	117.3 122.5			118.0 123.3			119.0			121.1		
34. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD	1952-53=100	110.2	115.3	113.3	115.4	119.8	1959-60 1960-61	117.9 126.0			118.4 126.7			120.3			122.6		
35. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, CLOTHING AND DRAPERY	1952-53=100	102.0	103.9	107.0	108.2	109.4	1959-60 1960-61	108.3 110.7			109.2 111.5			109.5			110.5		
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING	1952-53=100	115.1	122.1	127.3	130.6	135.2	1959-60 1960-61	132.5 141.4			133.9 144.1			134.8			139.4		
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	1952-53=100	101.6	105.8	107.5	108.7	109.8	1959-60 1960-61	109.4 110.6			109.6 111.0			110.0			110.2		
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP	1952-53=100	105.9	118.0	119.7	121.2	123.9	1959-60 1960-61	122.3 126.7			123.0 127.2			123.8			126.4		
INTERNAL TRADE																			
39. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS EXCEPT MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.	£ mill.	2151.4	2250.0	2343.9	2454.6	2641.3	1959-60 1960-61	624.1 667.5			723.6 *764.2			628.9			664.7		
40. RETAIL SALES FOOD AND GROCERIES	£ mill.	756.6	797.0	823.6	870.0	921.2	1959-60 1960-61	223.8 239.1			238.9			227.6			230.9		
41. RETAIL SALES CLOTHING, DRAPERY AND FOOTWEAR	£ mill.	433.3	440.2	451.0	469.5	508.9	1959-60 1960-61	118.0 125.9			146.2			107.3			137.5		
42. RETAIL SALES HARDWARE, ELECTRICAL GOODS AND FURNITURE	£ mill.	341.1	351.2	382.1	417.9	471.8	1959-60 1960-61	111.1 119.0			133.0			111.8			115.9		
43. RETAIL SALES, OTHER, EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLE, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.	£ mill.	620.4	661.6	687.2	697.2	739.4	1959-60 1960-61	171.2 183.5			205.6			182.2			180.4		
44. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	161.7	147.3	166.2	176.3	224.1	1959-60 1960-61	16.4 20.4	16.5 22.5	18.2 22.4	20.1 24.2	19.8 26.1	21.6 17.6	14.1 12.7	18.2 12.9	21.0	18.1 20.2	19.9	
45. NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ETC. REGISTERED	'000	67.5	58.0	61.8	66.3	68.9	1959-60 1960-61	6.4 5.6	5.8 6.2	6.0 5.8	6.3 5.5	6.1 5.8	6.6 4.7	4.2 3.6	5.0 4.1	6.0	4.9 5.9	5.7	
46. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	16,283	16,982	15,726	16,342	18,397	1959-60 1960-61	3,783 3,870			4,311 4,467			5,111			5,218		
47. HIRE PURCHASE, NEW AGREEMENTS AMOUNT FINANCED (b)	£ mill.	175.4	188.8	235.3	259.7	301.2	1959-60 1960-61	21.9 24.8	22.3 26.1	25.0 25.8	26.8 26.7	27.5 29.0	29.9 21.8	22.9 *26.1	23.2 21.8	27.3	22.8 25.6	26.1	
48. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES NEW ISSUES	'000	-	73.9	224.1	300.0	403.8	1959-60 1960-61	27.7 45.7	29.5 40.0	31.7 33.8	29.0 27.3	28.6 22.7	25.5 22.0	26.0 20.0	30.5 42.4	42.4	34.1 51.4	47.3	

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural.

(b) Balances outstanding at 31st January, 1961 amounted to £445.0 million.

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BUILDING, ETC.																			
49. BUILDING APPROVALS	£ mill.	433.7	394.1	445.7	495.8	603.7	1959-60 1960-61	46.1 58.9	45.4 59.1	53.6 61.3	57.5 659.5	51.3 61.3	43.4 43.9	36.3 34.4	43.5	59.9	47.4	60.6	58.7
50. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	75.8	75.7	84.3	90.0	103.8	1959-60 1960-61	8.4 9.4	7.9 10.4	8.4 9.4	8.9 10.6	9.0 8.7	7.4 6.7	6.6 5.6	8.4	10.8	8.0	10.4	9.6
51. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	£ mill.	101.1	83.3	95.6	103.9	115.8	1959-60 1960-61	8.4 13.6	6.9 8.6	13.7 15.2	11.5 13.0	10.1 11.0	10.8 8.4	5.0 5.5	8.5	10.8	10.1	8.3	11.7
52. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	£ mill.	376.8	359.6	380.5	432.4	523.9	1959-60 1960-61		130.3 152.7			119.0			129.6			145.0	
53. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	72.6	69.5	73.3	81.7	91.3	1959-60 1960-61		21.9 25.4			21.9 *23.6			22.6			24.9	
54. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	£ mill.	164.7	150.2	151.4	177.6	231.3	1959-60 1960-61		61.2 67.0			50.3			56.5			63.3	
55. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE BUSINESSES	Buildings and structures £ mill.	(a)	(a)	119.6	123.0	152.1	1959-60 1960-61		(84.5 anticipated) (106.5 " )			74.9 actual			(85.0 anticipated)			77.2 actual	
56. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE BUSINESSES	Other capital equipment £ mill.	(a)	(a)	214.2	242.3	290.5	1959-60 1960-61		(148.6 anticipated) (163.2 " )			143.5 actual			(138.1 anticipated)			147.0 actual	
57. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, PRIVATE BUSINESSES	Total £ mill.	(a)	(a)	333.8	365.3	442.6	1959-60 1960-61		(233.1 anticipated) (269.7 " )			218.4 actual			(223.1 anticipated)			224.2 actual	
FINANCE																			
58. BANK DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS	(b) £ mill.	522	563	593	637	747	1959-60 1960-61	705 835	648 805	713 797	736 832	747 846	816 857	659 721	739 769	784	754	820	821
59. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	£ mill.	1,477	1,513	1,596	1,603	1,708	1959-60 1960-61	1,611 1,706	1,614 1,702	1,647 1,696	1,677 1,719	1,711 1,731	1,741 1,728	1,735 1,730	1,766 1,760	1,784	1,760	1,729	1,731
60. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	£ mill.	908	869	882	930	952	1959-60 1960-61	936 1,060	934 1,066	930 1,078	945 1,092	949 1,090	942 1,080	934 1,059	930 1,030	935	973	1,000	1,015
61. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED	per cent.	4.39	4.71	4.38	4.16	4.01	1959-60 1960-61	3.90 4.26	3.88 4.29	3.91 4.30	3.93 4.31	3.92 5.35	3.96 5.60	3.96 5.50	3.97 5.49	4.14	4.16	4.18	4.19
62. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, LONG DATED	per cent.	4.76	5.06	4.99	4.94	4.91	1959-60 1960-61	4.90 4.97	4.88 4.96	4.91 4.97	4.87 4.97	4.87 5.19	4.92 5.30	4.91 5.34	4.92 5.38	4.93	4.93	4.94	
63. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY	(c)	1,726	1,707	1,836	1,966	2,718	1959-60 1960-61	2,271 3,029	2,440 3,056	2,560 3,086	2,668 2,951	2,639 2,697	2,643 2,582	2,813 2,615	2,887 2,656	2,825	2,878	2,964	3,029
64. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED	£ mill.	109.2	94.7	113.5	188.2	241.9	1959-60 1960-61		56.6 *80.2			73.3			53.4			58.6	
65. SHORT-TERM DEBT, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE	(d) £ mill.	165	150	140	171	201	1959-60 1960-61	169 195	201 220	239 254	280 304	313 324	325 350	326 367	311 361	301	221	196	201
66. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, Consolidated Revenue Funds	£ mill.	1,070	1,180	1,250	1,225	1,360	1959-60 1960-61	76.9 91.1	69.7 86.0	70.3 77.8	77.5 91.0	83.6 97.7	104.1 110.0	92.5 104.4	110.8 *118.0	133.4	185.4	170.7	185.8

(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(d) Redeemable in Australia. At end of period. \* Preliminary. # Revised.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Item		For further details see publications listed below Reference No.	For further details see publications listed below Reference No.
<u>Item</u>		Item	
1.	.. .. .. .. ..	17	39-43. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. ..
2.	Total generated, including electricity not for sale. ..	17	44-45. Registrations passed through central registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services. ..
3.	Total produced in gas works. ..	17	46. Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors. ..
4.	Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May. ..	17	47. Figures relate to agreements, in respect of retail sales, made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Outstanding balances include hiring charges and insurance. .. .. ..
5.	Portland cement. ..	23	48. .. .. ..
6.	Excludes assembled chassis imported as such. ..	19	49-50. Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities. Numbers of houses and flats relate to individual living units. ..
7.	Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products. ..	18	51. Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale. ..
8.	Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton. ..	20	52. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land. ..
9.	Includes mixtures predominantly of wool. ..	21	53. Excludes conversions to flats. .. .. ..
10.	Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sand shoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots. ..	22	54. See 52 above. .. .. ..
11.	In terms of fresh meat (bone-in weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms. ..	14	55-57. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for previous half-year and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive. ..
12.	.. .. .. ..	11	58. Monthly averages of weekly figures. Debits to government accounts at city branches are excluded. Figures relate to all cheque-paying banks, the Commonwealth Development Bank and the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank. ..
13.	Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale. .. .. ..	-	59-60. Monthly and annual averages of weekly figures of the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks. .. ..
14.	The value of wool sold, at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold. ..	-	61-62. Short-dated estimated for 2-year securities from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 years, long dated 10 or more years. Figures relate to last Wednesday in the month. Source: Reserve Bank. .. ..
15.	Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year. ..	27	63. Average of monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney. .. .. ..
16-17.	Excludes bullion and specie. F.o.b. port of shipment. ..	16	64. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies. ..
18.	The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the year 1955-56. ..	1	65. Excludes overdrafts and internal Treasury Bills. .. ..
19-20.	.. .. .. ..	13	66. Excludes taxation collections paid direct to Trust Funds, e.g. motor taxes. -
21.	Annual and June figures as at 30th June, other figures last Wednesday of month. ..	9	
22, 24-26.	Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Based on annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. ..	12	
23.	Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State and Local) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees. .. ..	12	
27.	Figures for periods to June, 1959 are based on the results of annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1959 the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. .. ..	12	
28.	Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service. ..	12	
29.	See 22 above. .. .. ..	12	
30.	Excludes persons receiving sickness benefit and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. ..	12	
31.	Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. ..	12	
32.	Based on averages of minimum wage rates for a full weeks' work (excluding overtime) obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average minimum weekly wage for Australia. ..	12,15,29	
33-38.	Consumer Price Index : New index first published 12th August, 1960. For particulars of composition and weighting see Statistical Bulletin 837 of that date. ..	5	

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